

HIDDEN JEWEL



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation

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community arts commission



Hidden Jewel at Lower Cascades Park.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Joe LaMantia, a Bloomington citizen and artist-in-residence at Stone Belt Arc, has been involved in numerous community art projects with the City of Bloomington, BEAD and Stone Belt. In 2007, he was honored with an Arts Leadership Award for Arts in Education by the Bloomington Area Arts Council for his collaborative arts projects in the community. He provides local schools and childrens' organizations the opportunity to plan and create artworks, illustrating the potential of collaboration between children and adults.

ABOUT THE WORK

This piece represents a collaborative effort between local artist Joe LaMantia and clients of Stone Belt Arc, a local nonprofit that provides education and support to persons with disabilities. The clients designed the drawings for the sculpture, characterizing the spirit of fun, diversity and community found in the newly renovated playground. Then, after the materials for the sculpture were assembled, Stone Belt clients assisted in creating the mirror mosaics and added their thumb prints on the pole.



Joe LaMantia attaching mosaics to Hidden Jewel.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stone Belt Arc has an Art & Craft initiative that has five different public art projects on view around the city of Bloomington. These projects include everything from park gates to traffic boxes.

ARTISTS: Joe LaMantia and Stone Belt Artisans

MEDIUM: Mixed Media

DEDICATION YEAR: 2006